



Renal Pathology Bursaries

The ISN Renal Pathology Bursaries

The ISN Renal Pathology Bursaries offer a unique opportunity for pathologists, nephrologists, and trainees to advance their expertise in renal pathology. These bursaries are designed to support individuals from around the world, with a particular emphasis on those from low-, lower-middle and upper-middle-income countries, to engage in educational activities that contribute to the global understanding and advancement of renal pathology.

The ISN Renal Pathology Bursaries are one initiative of the ISN Renal Pathology Working Group. The purpose of the ISN Renal Pathology Working Group is to build on the expertise to bridge gaps in renal pathology expertise and provision throughout the world. The ISN Renal Pathology Working Group seeks to do this by fostering inter- and intra-regional knowledge and resource exchange.

The ISN and the ISN Renal Pathology Working Group share the goal of advancing nephrology in developing countries in general, and in lower, lower-middle and upper-middle-income countries in particular.

Purpose

The purpose of the ISN Renal Pathology Bursaries is to facilitate attendance at major renal pathology events, including international conferences, workshops, and courses. These events are critical for fostering knowledge exchange, professional networking, and exposure to the latest advancements in the field. By providing financial contributions for travel and accommodation, the bursaries enable recipients to participate in these events, where they can gain new insights, present their research, and engage with leading experts in renal pathology.

Through this support, the ISN aims to empower emerging and established professionals to contribute to the global dialogue on renal pathology, enhance their skills, and ultimately, improve patient care outcomes. The bursaries play a vital role in bridging gaps in access to high-quality education and resources, ensuring that the latest innovations and best practices in renal pathology are disseminated worldwide, particularly in regions where such opportunities might otherwise be limited.

2026 Renal Pathology Events

The ISN Renal Pathology Bursaries facilitate attendance to the following key renal pathology events in 2026:

1. The **6th International Renal Pathology Conference, Antigua, Guatemala, February 11-14, 2026, in person attendance.**

2. The [Imperial College London Renal Pathology Course](#), Imperial College London, UK, March 19-20, 2026, in person attendance.
3. The Renal Pathology Pre-Congress Course at the [World Congress of Nephrology 2026](#) (WCN'26), Yokohama, Japan, March 28, 2026, in person attendance.
4. The [European Renal Pathology Course](#), Amsterdam Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 2026 (dates to be confirmed), in person attendance. It includes a two-week sabbatical for in-depth study in an established renal pathology laboratory.
5. The **Columbia Renal Biopsy Course 2026**, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York, USA, July 2026 (dates to be confirmed), online attendance only.
6. The **Indian Society of Renal and Transplantation Pathology Conference (ISRTPCON)**, India, mid-September 2026 (location and dates to be confirmed), in person attendance.

Applicants must rank the events by order of preference of attendance, i.e. as Choice 1 the preferred event to attend, and Choice 6 as the least preferred event to attend. Applicants must also briefly justify their choices.

The ISN and its Renal Pathology Working Group members thank the events' organizers for their support and collaboration.

Bursaries Recipients

The ISN Renal Pathology Bursaries are aimed at a diverse group of professionals who share a commitment to advancing the field of renal pathology.

Recipients will be selected to receive bursaries as follows:

- One (1) recipient to receive financial contribution toward travel and accommodation to attend the **6th International Renal Pathology Conference, Antigua, Guatemala, February 11-14, 2026.**
- One (1) recipient to receive financial contribution toward travel and accommodation to attend the [Imperial College London Renal Pathology Course](#), Imperial College London, UK, March 19-20, 2026.
- One (1) recipient to receive financial contribution toward travel and accommodation to attend the **Renal Pathology Pre-Congress Course** at the [World Congress of Nephrology 2026](#) (WCN'26), Yokohama, Japan, March 28, 2026.
- One (1) recipient to receive financial contribution toward travel and accommodation to attend the [European Renal Pathology Course](#), Amsterdam Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 2026. It includes a two-week sabbatical for in-depth study in an established renal pathology laboratory.

- Up to ten (10) recipients to receive online only registrations to attend the **Columbia Renal Biopsy Course 2026**, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, **New York, USA, July 2026 (dates to be confirmed)**.
- Up to two (2) recipients to receive financial contribution toward travel and accommodation to attend the **Indian Society of Renal and Transplantation Pathology Conference (ISRTPCON), India, mid-September 2026 (location and dates to be confirmed)**.

Note that the monetary bursaries are contributions toward travel and accommodation expenses up to a set limit (based on published price ranges for economy class tickets and accommodation near the respective events). The successful recipients will be reimbursed following the events in question and upon presentation of a report on their experience, as well as the tickets, receipts/invoices of the expenses.

Eligibility criteria

The course is open to [ISN members](#) who:

- Reside in a lower, lower-middle, or upper-middle-income country (as per [World Bank classifications](#))
- Are early-career professionals under 45 years old
- Have fundamental knowledge in renal pathology
- Are involved in, or have the opportunity to become involved in, diagnostic evaluation of renal biopsy specimens at their home institution.

Nephrologists can also apply if they **are responsible for the official pathologic evaluation of renal biopsy specimens at their home institution**. This must be clearly stated in the application form and supported by a letter from their home institution.

Application Process and Selection

Candidates need to apply via the [online portal here](#) by **August 15, 2025**. The application must include:

1. A completed application form (fully in English)
2. A statement of goals and objectives for the experience, focusing on current knowledge in renal pathology, what will be gained from the proposed experience and what potential impact the attendance will have on local renal pathology services
3. The CV of the candidate (max. 4 pages, PDF or Word format, fully in English).
4. A letter of support from the candidate's home institution (in official letterhead, signed and dated, fully in English, in PDF format).

The applications received will be reviewed and scored by the ISN Renal Pathology Working Group leaders and members.

The selection process is competitive. The outcome of the applications will be announced by the end of September 2025.

Contact for inquiries

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